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REPORT

TOPIC Units of the 10th Gde Mech Div and the 26th Panzer Brigade East of theGOFG from Magdeburg leaving for Summer Camps

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the transfer of the troops of the Magdeburg post started at 3 a.m. on 3 May 1954. Columns passing the northern road bridge, also referred to as Wilhelm Fieck Bruecke, on 3 May included:

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At 3 a.m. A column of about 40 sidecar motorcycles, 40 trucks, 12 medium guns, 1 x 57-mm AT gun, 15 trucks with ammunition, 15 trucks with billeting equipment, 2 radio trucks and 2 trucks with trailers.

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Between 4:15 a.m. and 4:50 a.m. A column of 3 sidecar motorcycles, about 30 trucks carrying ammunition and billeting equipment [redacted]

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and 6 M-13 rocket launchers [redacted].

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At 7:45 a.m. About 10 trucks carrying billeting equipment [redacted]

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The three columns came from the direction of Anger and Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283/5284).

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Individual vehicles observed between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. included: 30 trucks, some with billeting equipment and ammunition [redacted]

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[redacted] 8 tank trucks [redacted]
[redacted] 6 x 85-mm AT guns and 7 sidecar motorcycles. During the same period, numerous empty trucks were seen en route toward east.

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2. Beginning at 8:30 a.m. on 3 May, 24 T-34 tanks, including Nos between 520 and 538, were loaded on a train of 24 flatcars and 13 boxcars at the Magdeburg-Brueckfeld (Friedrichstadt) railroad station. The unit had come from Nachrichten Kaserne (5286). After entraining, the tank turret numbers were posted over shipment left toward Biederitz at 1:50 p.m.¹ Between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the same day, equipment from Seeckt Kaserne was continually trucked to, and entrained at, the Friedrichstadt railroad station. [redacted]

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3. In the evening on 4 May, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne appeared to be occupied by only rear details. Only a few windows were lighted. The

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Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) appeared to be occupied as previously. On 5 May, the Herrenkrug Kaserne appeared to be partially occupied; about 20 trucks and 50 to 60 individual soldiers were seen in the barracks yard. As the Anger Kaserne appeared to be only lightly occupied, source concluded that most of the columns observed in the morning on 3 May, came from this installation.¹

- 25X1 1. [] Comment. [] the departure, probably to summer camps, of major elements of the 19th Gds Mech Div between 3 and 5 May.
- 25X1 [] According to weapons observed, the columns passing the northern road bridge included units of the 112th Mtrcl Bn and, probably, the 99th Gds How Arty Regt, which, thus, can be confirmed until 3 May. The entraining at the Brueckfeld railroad station is rather safely believed to have involved the tank battalion of the 63d Gds Mech Regt from Nachrichten Kaserne. Thus, this regiment can also be confirmed until 3 May. []
- 25X1 [] additional loadings of troops from Herrenkrug Kaserne can be expected.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. [] the bulk of the 36th Panzer Bridge Regt of the GDFG transferred on 3 and 4 May, presumably to the camp southeast of Rossau. On 5 May, the Speck Kaserne was occupied by only a rear detail. []
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